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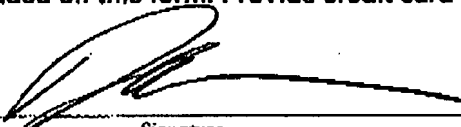
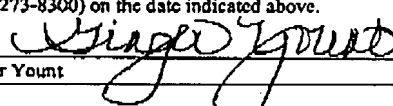
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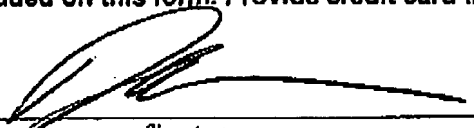
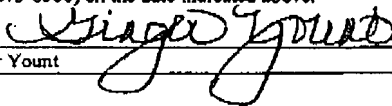
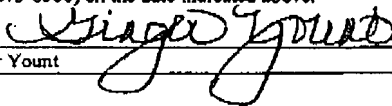
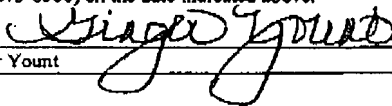
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 13, 2007

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**The Current Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims have not been amended by this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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